

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4-6 and 8-11 are pending. The Final Office Action mailed July 18, 2000 rejected Claims 1, 2, 4-6 and 8-11 under 35 U.S.C. § 103. By way of this amendment, applicant has amended Claims 1, 4 and 11. Claim 7 was cancelled in the previous amendment. No new matter has been added. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.116, applicant hereby respectfully requests reconsideration of the application.

Rejection of Claims 1, 2 and 4-11 under 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Final Office Action rejected Claims 1, 2 and 4-11 as being unpatentable over DeVito. The Office Action states that DeVito discloses a system for communicating custom information to an individual. The Final Office Action, in response to the applicant's arguments, states that DeVito discloses a server coupled to a remote interface, and using specific information for the individual. In accordance with amended Claim 1, applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Applicant has amended independent Claim 1 to more clearly describe the invention. The term remote "interface" has been replaced with remote "computer workstation." For support see FIGURE 1 and page 8, lines 26-30. The workstation 20 is an end unit or input/output device that allows one, such as a health care professional, to enter messages and queries that are communicated to the remotely programmable apparatus. The interface 60 of DeVito is an interface between two computer-based systems 50 and 70. The interface 60 is not an end-type data input/output unit. The interface 60 interprets control values generated by the computer 50 and supplies appropriate "game" specific signals to the video game 70 (col. 4, lines 40-49). Therefore, thrice amended independent Claim 1 is allowable over the cited prior art. Since Claims 2, 4-6 and 8-12 depend from Claim 1, they are allowable for the same reasons that make Claim 1 allowable.

CONCLUSION

If the Examiner has questions or wishes to discuss any aspect of the case, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number given below.

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